



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management
Plant Protection and Weed Management Section
Ginseng Management Program

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APPLICATION FOR GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT

Name (please print)

In accordance with the provisions of Agriculture Article, Section 9-602A, Annotated Code of Maryland, - "A PERSON WHO COLLECTS AND HARVESTS GINSENG FOR SALE SHALL HOLD A VALID ANNUAL COLLECTION PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT, "hereby apply for a GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT.

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Date Application Recd. _____

Fee Paid \$2.00

Check No. _____

Money Order No. _____

Permit Number _____

Date Mailed _____

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ONLY AFTER JULY 1st. PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY. SEND SIGNED APPLICATION WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$2.00 (PAYABLE TO MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) to:

**GINSENG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
P.O. Box 17304
Baltimore, MD 21297-1304**

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

I understand that Ginseng roots may only be collected from September 1st through December 1st: roots from plants with fewer than 3 five-leaflet leaves (prongs) or with immature seeds (green berries) may not be collected; **plants must be a minimum of 5 years of age**; and all seeds from collected plants shall be immediately planted in the vicinity of the collected plants at a depth of 1 ¼ inches. As of the 2013 collecting season, ginseng harvest on state lands managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is no longer permitted. Permission is required to collect on private property. Trespass laws apply.

I agree to keep the following records and to give them to the Maryland Department of Agriculture on request:

- The total amount (in pounds and ounces) of Ginseng harvested.
- The name and address of the dealer who bought my Ginseng.
- The county or counties where my Ginseng was collected.

I understand that Ginseng may be sold only to a dealer licensed by this Department and that it must be certified before shipment from Maryland.

Signature

Date

(Over)

2017 Ginseng Collecting Survey

Please check or answer the items below that apply to you. (Please fill out even if you did not collect ginseng.)

This information is extremely important. Data collected may help to preserve the American Ginseng Management Program in Maryland

I collected ginseng during 2016 Ginseng season: ____ Yes ____ No

If yes:

From what county/counties did you collect ginseng: _____

Amount of ginseng dug (dry weight): _____ lbs., _____ oz.

Amount of ginseng for personal use (list weight): _____ lbs., _____ oz.

Amount of ginseng sold (list weight): _____ lbs., _____ oz.

I sold my ginseng to (name and address): _____

I plan to collecting ginseng during 2017: ____ Yes ____ No

Program Feedback Questions

1. Do you believe that the five year of minimum plant age for legal collection of ginseng helps ensure that the ginseng populations grow? If not, why?
2. Would you support a program making seed available to collectors for planting where they harvest ginseng? If so, would you be willing to pay more for your collecting permit to help pay for the seed?
3. Have you noticed an increasing demand for fresh “green” ginseng? If so, what do you think is the cause for this increase in demand?